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SPRING FORWARD CLOCKS ONE HOUR SATURDAY EVENING!

Catholics and Evangelicals AGREE on the Big Important Doctrines! ... OR DO WE?

Joel Osteen, Kenneth Copeland, James Robison, Beth Moore, Rick Warren, (and when they were alive... Chuck Colson and Billy Graham), as well as many others— **have been and are on a serious quest help unite all Christendom with Catholicism.** They view the recent and present Catholic popes as being great Christians. They glow in their fellowship with these Popes. These Evangelical leaders believe that the Protestant Reformation was a mistake; and that in order to bring about the unity Jesus prayed for in John 17— Protestants need to re-unite with Rome.

Rick Warren claims: "We have far more in common than what divides us. When you talk about Pentecostals, charismatics, evangelicals, fundamentalists, Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and on and on and on and on. They would all say, **'We believe in the Trinity. We believe in the Bible. We believe in the resurrection. We believe salvation is through Jesus Christ.'** These are the big issues... **But the most important thing is if you love Jesus we are on the same team."** (From an interview with Francis Rocca at Vatican City, Nov. 26, 2014, Vatican Television Center, and Catholic News Service, posted at www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10152421040155723)

COMMENT: WOW! — *‘We agree on the big important matters. We all love Jesus; we are, thus, all on the same team.’* **PROBLEM:** Romanism loves **a different Jesus**, one they find in a piece of bread. Their Jesus did not *FINISH* the work of redemption on the cross. Their Jesus needs Mary to help him... *AND these are just the beginning of problems.* **BUT DON’T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT.** We need to **let a ROMAN CATHOLIC tell us!** WILL THIS Catholic CONFIRM that Rick Warren and these other big name Evangelicals are correct— that we are in AGREEMENT on all the big, important matters?

OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS!

Karl Keating, a Roman Catholic apologist, has given himself to defending Roman Catholicism. One of his books is titled: ***CATHOLICISM AND FUNDAMENTALISM... The Attack on “ROMANISM” by “Bible Christians!”*** By the way, he views any and all Bible-believing evangelicals as Fundamentalists... with English pastor, Martyn Lloyd-Jones as his example of a fundamentalist. **What follows are** some quotes which I gleaned from Keating’s book. For emphasis, I will place some words and/or phrases in bold.... And **if** along the way, I make a comment, it will be [ENCLOSED] with brackets. **HERE ARE QUOTES FROM KEATING:**

"Few orthodox Catholics can imagine themselves leaving their religion for another... To convert to mainline Protestantism, or to collapse into agnosticism, does not occur to them even in nightmares... A change to Eastern Orthodoxy or Anglo-Catholicism is more an adjustment than a real switch... But fundamentalism? To embrace it is to reject Catholicism outright, **because fundamentalism does not just modify, but discards, the sacramental and liturgical core of Catholicism. One might as well subscribe to an obscure Eastern cult.**"

“But the allure of fundamentalism should be taken seriously, if for no other reason than that hundreds of thousands of Catholics **have taken it so seriously in the last few years that they have joined “Bible-believing” churches.** Many of them have become not just non-Catholics, but anti-Catholics, because such an attitude is the natural result of the logic of their position. **They perceive a duty to bring into “real Christianity” the family and friends they left at Mass, and bring them they have.”**

*** **“Fundamentalists regard the Bible** as the keystone of their faith.

Their understanding of inspiration and inerrancy comes from Benjamin Warfield’s notion of plenary-verbal inspiration, meaning that in the autographs all of the Bible is inspired and the inspiration extends not just to the message God wished to convey, but to the very words chosen by the sacred writers.”

“First to catch one’s eye is the fundamentalists’ reliance on the Bible to the complete exclusion of any authority wielded by the Church. [The Roman Catholic Church is the Church to which Keating is referring.]

*** **The second** is their insistence in a faith in Christ as personal Lord and Savior. *“Do you accept Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?”* they ask. *“Have you been saved?”* they ask. This is unalloyed Christian individualism... **It is a one-to-one relationship, with no mediators, no sacraments, just the individual Christian and his Lord.”**

*** **“Adoration of the wafer (host), decreed by Pope Honorius III, 1220AD.** What the reader is supposed to think, apparently, is that Catholics worship the bread used at Mass. They do not. What they worship is Christ, **and they believe the bread and the wine are turned into the actual Body and Blood,**

including not only His human nature, but also His divine nature.

[NOTE... so by his own testimony... they DO worship a piece of bread... which they CLAIM is NOW JESUS CHRIST!]

“If Catholics are right about that, then surely the Host [THE BREAD] deserves to be worshiped, since it really is God.”

*** **“Cup forbidden** to the people at communion by Council of Constance... 1414AD... **The Catholic position has always been that after the Consecration [By the Priest] the actual Body and Blood of Christ are contained in the smallest particle of the Host [The wafer] or the tiniest drop from the cup...** In giving the cup to the laity there was a chance the contents would be spilled, so out of respect, the restriction was imposed.”

*** “As heirs of the Reformers, fundamentalists work on the basis of ***sola scriptura***, and they advance this notion at every opportunity...

The Catholic method of finding the Bible to be inspired begins this way. It is not, at first, presumed to be inspired...

The Catholic Church... tells us the Bible is inspired, **and we can take the Church’s word for it precisely because the Church is infallible... The Catholic** believes in inspiration because the Church tells him so— that is putting it bluntly— and that same Church has the authority to interpret the inspired text.”

“Fundamentalists say the Bible is the sole rule of faith... **Catholics, on the other hand, say the Bible is not the sole rule of faith** and that nothing in the Bible suggests it was meant to be... The notion of ***sola scriptura*** arose when the Reformers rejected the papacy.

*** In doing that, they also rejected the teaching authority of the Church. They looked elsewhere for the rule of faith and thought they found it in the Bible.” **“Tradition** means the teachings and teaching authority of Jesus and, derivatively, the apostles. These have been handed down and **entrusted to the Church... which means to its official teachers, the bishops in union with the Pope.**”

“D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones... Lloyd-Jones’ trouble, the trouble of all fundamentalists, is that **he labors under the misconception that the Scripture has the last word** and that Tradition built on oral teachings counts for nothing.”

*** “There is no more confusing topic, when fundamentalists and Catholics sit down to talk, than salvation... **Fundamentalists... conclude** from the Bible that Christ actually promised that heaven is theirs in exchange for a remarkably simple act. All they have to do, at just one point in their lives, is ‘accept Christ as their personal Savior’...

It comes down to Galatians 2:20: ‘The Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.’ Christ is seen as one’s personal Savior, and that is why these words are a favorite with fundamentalists... **For Catholics** salvation depends on the state of the soul at death. Christ has already redeemed us, unlocked the gates of heaven, as it were... **He did his part, and now we have to cooperate by doing ours... As Catholics see it, anyone can achieve heaven, and anyone can lose it...**”

*** **“The Catholic Church has always understood baptism... as a sacrament that accomplished several things, the first of which is the remission of sin...**

*** Did Christ leave us any means within the Church to take away sin? The Bible says he gave us two means. **Baptism** was given to take away the sin inherited from Adam [original sin] and any sins [called actual sins because they come from our own acts] committed before baptism. *** **For sins committed after baptism, a different sacrament is needed... Cyprian writes that the forgiving of sins can take place only 'through the priests'.**

*** **"The inability of the Church to teach error is infallibility... It means what is officially taught will not be wrong... Rome has spoken; the case is closed...** In 1950, Pope Pius XII, in an exercise of **papal infallibility**, defined that **Mary**, 'after completion of her earthly life'—note the silence regarding her death—'was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven'... **True, no express Scriptural proofs for the doctrine are available...** Still, fundamentalists ask, 'Where is the proof from Scripture?' Strictly, there is none... **The mere fact that the Church teaches the doctrine of the Assumption as something definitely true is a guarantee that it is true...**

*** **Mary is the Mediatrix of all graces** because of her intercession for us in heaven... **grace is not conferred on anyone without Mary's cooperation. True, Scriptural proofs for this are lacking."**

SOME CONCLUDING THOUGHTS/RESPONSES:

1. I don't care for titles... but by Keating's standards, I have been identified-- I am a Fundamentalist! I HOPE YOU ARE!

2. Mr. Keating clearly understands the vast difference between Roman Catholicism and Bible-believing Churches /

Fundamentalists. He clearly understands that both cannot be genuine expressions of true Christianity. That reality is something that many Evangelicals and 'Fundamentalists' have abandoned. Have you?

3. All around the world, God's amazing grace continues to save numbers of folk out of the bondage and blindness of Catholicism. Indeed, lost religionists fill the rolls of all "flavors" of churches and denominations— **it's all a part of the present day Mission Field!**

4. Many will say, "But I know some 'Evangelical Catholics'...even priests— they do not believe all this stuff that Keating has stated."

(a) It is common for cults to try to appear Christian and Evangelical.

(b) Keating has stated Catholicism's beliefs accurately.

(c) The Holy Spirit has a consistent habit of leading even brand new Christians according to the infallible written Word of God, the Bible.

(d) Once enlightened by the Holy Spirit's ministry of quickening the Word of God— **for a person to refuse to renounce and leave Catholicism is no different than for that person to claim to be saved, and yet refuse to leave and renounce Mormonism, Hinduism, Buddhism,** AND/OR groups that teach, along with Catholicism, that water baptism is NECESSARY in order to savingly connect with Jesus and His redeeming blood, etc.

(e) BUT THEY LOVE JESUS! Yes, but as has been clearly shown— they love the wrong JESUS! Listen to former Roman Catholic, Mike Gendron:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImLBGI2UvQg>

[The Jesus of Roman Catholicism - Mike Gendron Part 2 - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3kgtFVt4Jg>

5. In commendable honesty, Karl Keating plainly states the TRUE Catholic position: "To convert to mainline Protestantism, or to collapse into agnosticism, does not occur to them even in nightmares... A change to Eastern Orthodoxy or Anglo-Catholicism is more an adjustment than a real switch... **But fundamentalism? To embrace it** is to reject Catholicism outright, because fundamentalism does not just modify, but discards, the sacramental and liturgical core of Catholicism. **One might as well subscribe to an obscure Eastern cult."**

6. THE OPPOSITE IS, LIKEWISE, TRUE:

To embrace Catholicism is to totally reject Bible-believing Christianity.

To embrace Catholicism is to totally reject Salvation by grace alone through faith in Christ alone.

To embrace Catholicism is to embrace a different gospel and a different Jesus, from that which is found in the Bible.

These facts being true, Bible-believing Christians must LOVE and LOVINGLY SHARE THE GOSPEL OF GRACE with Catholic family, friends, associates;

AND we must WARN AGAINST those who call people back to Rome!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=15&v=6NeBD5YGWag

ETERNITY IS AT STAKE!

Abundant Grace to you all!

James Bell / www.southsidegallatin.org

SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

MONDAYS: Jail Ministry— First and Second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Questions? Call the church office at 615-452-5951

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. Meet at the front door at **5:15PM**.

WEDNESDAYS: ☐ **6:30pm— Children Ministry/activities;** ☐ 6:30pm— **Youth** Activities and Bible Study— **(Enter via double doors by gym)**

☐ **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE...** (Enter via IRON STEPS; or double doors by gym)

***** LADIES BIBLE STUDY— Luke 12:41ff ... Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 @ 11:00am.** ENTER at the back of the church building, through double doors, under the Drive Thru Awning. [*Doors **open** at 10:30am... The doors are **re-locked** at 11:10am*]

***** MEN: EVERY SATURDAY MORNING @ 8am:** Men's Fellowship/Bible Study! **(STUDY: THE EPISTLE OF JAMES!)** ENTER AT THE back of Church building... under the drive-thru awning. **FELLOWSHIP, Juice, coffee, Hardee's biscuits, & Donuts WAITING, starting at 7:30am!**

SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH:

**SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 10— SPRING FORWARD
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***** March 11— [2nd Sunday]**

9:30am— Sunday School

10:45am— Worship Service

**5:30pm- 7:30pm— Faithful Men's meeting / Come in 'iron
steps' door!**

***** March 18— [3rd Sunday]**

9:30am— Sunday School /

10:45am— Worship Service & **LORD'S SUPPER**

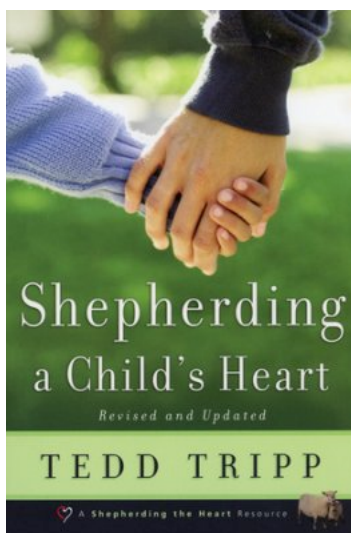
HOME GROUPS at 5:00pm... or check with your group

***** March 25— [4th Sunday]**

9:30am— Sunday School

10:45am— Worship Service

6:00pm- 7:00pm— Family Integrated EQUIPPING Night!



Meet in Auditorium, come in **FRONT DOORS!**
(Doors will open at 5:30pm)

1. FAMILY INTEGRATED, that is, it is for the **WHOLE** family— Grandparents, Parents, Teens, Children. (Infant & Toddler Nursery available)

2. All grandparents and parents have **FAMILIES** in your world who need help, counseling, advice, mentoring— **THESE 4TH** Sunday Evenings will help you with your own children and grandchildren... as well as

EMPOWERING you for ministry to your neighbors!

3. Present Study: Tedd Tripp's *SHEPHERDING a Child's Heart*, 12 session series.

4. Arrive and be IN YOUR SEATS by 5:55pm... Session will start at 6:00pm sharp. Sessions will last approximately one hour.

FIFTH SUNDAYS: (The next one is April 29th)... We gather to **SING**, give testimonies, and share Scriptures.

***** APRIL 1— [1st Sunday, RESURRECTION SUNDAY]**

9:30am— Sunday School... regular classes

10:45am— Worship Service **and the LORD'S SUPPER!** /

NOON ... MONTHLY 'COVERED DISH' MEAL!

Let us, one and all, **HONOR** the Lord Jesus Christ **by placing preeminent priority on** setting aside this day to worship **JESUS** with the saints to whom the Holy Spirit has joined us!

***** WATCH and SHARE the Preaching of the Word of God!**

http://www.southsidegallatin.org/Listen_to_other_sermons_on_sermonaudio/

RECENTLY, I sent out information informing of some of the troublesome matters, as it relates to Evangelist Billy Graham. One dear brother sent me a very good question. **The essence of the question is this:**

“What do you hope to accomplish by POINTING out and making an ISSUE of the false teachings of teachers, preachers, evangelists, and/or others? INDEED: IS THERE ANYTHING needed and helpful that can be accomplished by such exposing?” **A RESPONSE:**

1. 1 Cor. 14:32-33— those who proclaim God’s Word are to be subject one to another... AND, The Apostle Paul even OPENLY REBUKED the Apostle Peter: **Galatians 2:1-21!!**

2. 1 Timothy 3:5:15-20— a sinning (‘missing the mark’) **elder is to be openly REBUKED. WHY? So that OTHERS will FEAR and not follow in their wrong steps.** EVEN the fine moral preacher, pastor, evangelist who does a lot of good things... even preaches good things... **BUT AT THE SAME TIME stands against the clear Word of God on the most critical point of THE GOSPEL, elevating WHAT HE THINKS over what God has plainly said— SUCH ONES ARE SINNING in a way that can doom MANY TO HELL. Alarms must be sounded for the sake of OTHERS.**

3. 2 Timothy 2:24-26— there would also be the hope that such preachers and/or the ones they have trained... that they will repent.

4. The New Testament is filled with warning about FALSE TEACHERS and false Prophets.... And some get their names in the Bible because of being such! FOR THE SAKE OF THE SHEEP.... The alarm must be sounded!